

1 **REMARKS:**

2 In the May 16, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-27 are
3 pending in the application, that claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-12 are rejected, and claims 13 through 27
4 are allowed.

5 In accord with the Examiner's remarks, the present amendments make the following
6 changes to the claims:

7 Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-12 are withdrawn.

8 **Conclusion**

9 Applicant respectfully submits that this submission is fully responsive to the May 16,
10 2005 Office Action, and these claims are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a Notice of
11 Allowance at an early date is therefore requested.

12 If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this
13 application, please telephone the undersigned at (661)395-1000.

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15 Respectfully submitted,

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